

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 24 are amended solely to remedy typographical errors. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Morrow at the telephonic interview held September 18, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

As discussed during the telephone interview, the Notice of Allowance is responsive to Applicants' August 3 Supplemental Amendment and does not address the minor amendments made by Applicants in two additional Supplemental Amendments filed August 13, and August 21, respectively, in the U.S. Patent Office prior to the September 11 Notice of Allowance. At the request of Examiner Morrow, Applicants make these corrections by way of this 1.312 Amendment rather than seeking formal entry of the prior Amendments.

By this Amendment, claim 17 is amended to remedy a noted informality to change "silicon" to --silicone--, and claim 24 is amended to remedy an additional noted informality to change "whether" to --weather--. These changes are supported by Applicants' specification, such as on pages 10-12.


Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments should be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and MPEP § 714.16 because they (1) merely embody the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims, as the corrections are to typographical errors; (2) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention because the claims contain typographical errors; and (3) will not require substantial additional work by the Examiner because the claims remain allowed for at least the reasons that claims 17 and 24 depend upon allowable base claims and merely remedy a minor informality. The amendments were presented earlier, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance, but were

not associated with the application prior to mailing of the Notice of Allowance. Thus, this is the first opportunity Applicants have had to again rectify the informalities.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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